

**REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 15, 2006 – 8:30 A.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call: Call to order was done by Chairman Kenneth A. Fish. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. Members present: Dave Corn, Rick Warrington, Lloyd Pecore and Aaron Schenk. Members absent: Pat Corn, Todd Every, and Dave Grignon. Also present: Lorena Thoms and Richard Schreiber

2. Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was observed.

3. Tribal Utilities –Arrearage dispute:

Richard Schreiber is in dispute with the arrearage amount that has been assessed to him. He informed the Committee that he was incarcerated and that the mother of his children Alice R. Peters was living in the trailer home with his children and that he felt that she should be responsible for at least half of the bill.

Dave Corn informed the Committee that the utility records reflect the renter's that were in the trailer during Mr. Schreiber's absence. Mr. Corn informed the Committee that the Utility Department works with clients by accepting wage assignments. Clients also sign into agreements with the Utility Department but few are kept. Mr. Corn informed the Committee that the Utility Department bills the homeowner and because Ms. Peters name was not on the bill, he can not split the bill, nor can he forgive any of the bills as this is tribal dollars.

The Committee feels that more documentation is necessary before a decision can be made. The documentation needed would be the following: the actual incarceration periods, verification that child support received payments while incarcerated and a copy of the utility bills in question.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to table this item until the next meeting. Second was by Aaron Schenk. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Corn) and 3 absent (Pat Corn, Grignon and Every).

4. Middle Village – Electrical Charge Increase:

Dave Corn is looking for 1.5 or 2 percent rate per kilowatt increase for Middle Village. We are losing \$10,000 - \$15,000 per year and Mr. Corn has been utilizing the reserves to break even. Right now the commercial rate is approved for 9.2 cents and residential rate is 8.1. Alliance Energy cost is 12.1 residential. The utility department has not increased the rate since 2003. Alliance Energy has had three increases. The cost of energy the Tribe pays for has gone up. It was a 25 percent increase (from 5 cents to 7 cents) and this has not been given to the customers.

Motion made by Lloyd Pecore to recommend to the Legislature to approve a two (2) percent kilowatt rate increase for the Utility Department. Second was by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Corn) and 3 absent (Pat Corn, Grignon and Every).

5. Veterans Memorial Ball Park:

There was no representation for this item so no action was taken.

6. Pow-Wow Committee Report/Policy Development/ Office Space Rental Request:

Lorena Thoms, Chairperson of the Pow Wow Committee was not informed that they were to report this committee. They have been reporting to the Language and Culture Commission. She will get in touch with Aurelia White to get the financial reports along with the 2006 Pow Wow Final Report. The Pow Wow Committee needs to develop their 2007 budget and revenue plan and have this committee review their plans. Ms. Thoms gave a brief summary of the 2006 pow wow.

Ms. Thoms will work with Todd Every to find space for the Pow Wow Committee to operate from.

Motion made by Aaron Schenk to table this item until the next meeting. Second was by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Pat Corn, Grignon and Every).

Richard Dodge came to the meeting to suggest that the Menominee Tribe use the Neopit Head Start building as a detention center for Huber prisoners. Mr. Fish will pass this suggestion along to the Legislature.

Motion made by Aaron Schenk to recess the meeting until Wednesday, December 27, 2006 8:30 a.m. Second was by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Pat Corn, Grignon and Every).

The meeting is in recess.

**RECESSED MEETING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 27, 2006 – 8:30 A.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Call to Order by Chairman Fish at 8:58 a.m. Roll Call was taken. Members present: Dave Corn, Todd Every, Lloyd Pecore. There was not a quorum present. Meeting is in recess to a date to be announced.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, Recorder

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